



Docket No. 1232-4819

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : BIRO et al.
Serial No. : 10/075,552 Group Art Unit: 3749
Filed : February 13, 2002 Examiner: Pamela Anne Wilson
For : OPTICAL ELEMENT FOR USE IN EXPOSURE APPARATUS
AND RINSING METHOD THEREFOR

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT & REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Sir:

This Amendment and Request for Reconsideration is submitted in response to the
Office Action dated August 25, 2003.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on
page 2 of this paper; and

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of this application.

Applicants believe no fees are required for this Request for Reconsideration and that no extension of time is required. However, should an extension of time be necessary to render this filing timely, such is hereby petitioned, and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this paper, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4819.

In the event that a telephone conference would facilitate prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,
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Dated: December 24, 2003

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